



Issued by: Gerd Clabaugh, Director Iowa Department of Public Health

Patricia Quinlisk, MD, MPH Medical Director/State Epidemiologist

Topic: Ebola Updates

Date Issued: 12.28.15

Count of Public Health Orders for Ebola Data as of 12.27.15

The following table indicates the number of public health orders that have been issued.

There are no suspected or confirmed cases of Ebola in Iowa. No persons in Iowa are being tested for Ebola. No individuals under public health orders are showing symptoms of Ebola at this time. All individuals under public health orders are cooperating with the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Type of Action	# of Current Orders	Total # of Orders Issued since 9.1.14
Self-Monitoring Order	0	128
Quarantine Order	0	2
Isolation Order	0	0

- Self-monitoring Order: *Low risk* travelers are allowed normal activities and twice daily self-monitoring and reporting of temperature and any other Ebola consistent symptoms. No signs of illness are present.
- Quarantine Order: *Some or high risk* travelers are restricted to a specified location (i.e. home) and reporting of temperature (twice daily with at least once in presence of public health official) or any other Ebola consistent symptoms. No signs of illness are present.
- Isolation Order: Travelers with symptoms consistent with Ebola are restricted to a specified location (i.e. hospital room) and are under medical care.

Only state-level data is released to the public. Because of the small number of travelers returning to Iowa from Ebola-affected countries in West Africa, the release of county-level data could lead to identification of an individual, which is in violation of Iowa Code Chapter 22.

Count of Individuals Under IDPH Public Health Orders for Potential Exposure to Ebola by Risk Level as of 12.27.15

The following table indicates the initial evaluation of individuals placed under public health orders.

Risk Level	# of individuals Currently Under an Order	Total # of Individuals Under Order since 9.1.14
Low Risk	0	128
Some Risk	0	2
High Risk	0	0

- *Low Risk* – Travelers from Sierra Leone or Guinea within last 21 days, but no known exposures to Ebola. No signs of illness are present.
- *Some Risk* – Travelers from Sierra Leone or Guinea within last 21 days, who worked directly with patients with Ebola, but had no identified personal protective equipment breaches. No signs of illness are present.
- *High Risk* – Travelers from Sierra Leone or Guinea within last 21 days, who worked directly with patients with Ebola, and had unprotected contact with the bodily fluids of an Ebola patient. No signs of illness are present.

Additional information on risk levels and public health orders are found at:

www.idph.state.ia.us/IDPHChannelsService/file.ashx?file=C9D6B04E-AFEB-4405-9A47-282087B9DEA3

More information about the Ebola outbreak may be found on the IDPH web site at

www.idph.state.ia.us/EHI/Issue.aspx?issue=EbolaOutbreak.